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Art Unit 2662

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Revocation of Associate Power and Appointment of New Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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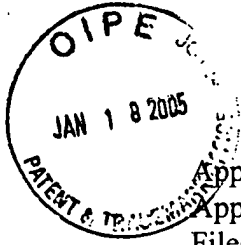
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination to permit the consideration of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. In response to the Office Action of October 20, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.